Board has undertaken the hydrolocical survey in some selected States;

(b) if so, State-wise details thereof;

(c) whether any survey has been conducted in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the details of the survey undertaken in that State?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Modernisation of Cotton Processing Factories

2813. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a shortage of cotton processing factories in the country;

(b) whether there is any plan to modernise the processing units; if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the assistance Government propose to provide to Cooperative sectors in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) The Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) is giving financial incentives for improving general standards of ginning processing and upgradation of cotton with the objective of improving quality of ginning, pressing and packing and controlling contamination in cotton.

(c) In order to bring about improvement in the existing cooperative ginning and pressing factories, the Cotton Corporation of India Ltd. (CCI) alongwith Rajasthan Marketing Federation (RAJFED) has taken seven cooperative factories on lease basis during the 1996-97 cotton season. In other cotton growing states also, the CCI through its branch offices, encourages the engagement of the cooperative ginning and pressing factories for its processing work on preferential basis.

Loan for Water Resources Consolidation Project in Orissa

2814. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Orissa had sought the help of the Centre to implement a Water Resources Consolidation Project (WRCP);

(b) whether the Government of Orissa needed a loan of more than 1000 crores for its WRCP;

(c) whether the Central Government have made negotiation with the World Bank to ensure the loan required by the State Government of Orissa; and

(d) if so, the progress of releasing the loan to Orissa?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir. Orissa Water Resources Consolidation Project is being implemented by the Government of Orissa with World Bank assistance of US$ 290 million (Rs. 1035.30 crores approximately). The negotiations with the World Bank were made by the Central Government and State Government on 5th January, 1996. The Project aims to improve agriculture productivity through modernisation and rehabilitation of existing project and improving farmers operational efficiency through participatory management.

(d) As on 30th November, 1996, an amount of US$ 175.11 million (Rs. 62.51 crores approximately) of loan has been disbursed to the Government of Orissa.

Custodial Deaths in the Country

2815. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the attention of Government has been drawn to the press